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#### MEDICAL FACILITIES IMPROVE IN COAL-MINING AREAS

Hospitals having 40 - 60 beds have been opened at the following mines of the Donets Coal Field: No 9/10, Lutugino, "Kochegarka," imeni Kalinin, imeni Voroshilov, "Gigant," Kurakhovke, and many others. Two large polyclinics have been put into operation by the "Gorlovskugol'" and the "Ordzhonikidzeugol'" trusts. The 220-bed traumatological hospital in Gorlovka will be finished by "Miners Day."

The Ministry of Public Health of the RSFSR has sent 465 doctors who graduated in 1949 and 30 doctors who have finished their internship to the coal regions of the RSFSR. This year 227 doctors will take specialized training at local clinics and hospitals then be assigned to medical centers of the coal regions of the RSFSR.

Soon, 2,850 new students will start training in 14 medical, stomatological, and pharmaceutical institutions of the Ukraine.

Surgeon's Assistant Antropovich, of the Lapichskiy section, Uvarovich Rayon, has shown great initiative in displaying in every village council, school, and kolkhoz administration billboards with doctors' advice on how to protect oneself from infectious diseases, how to fight against malaria, etc. The billboards also called attention to unsanitary conditions of streets, courts, homes, and sewers that are in need of repair, etc.

In Mil'kovo, 320 kilometers from Petropavlovsk-on Kamchatka, one of the best rayon hospitals in the oblast was built by the "barn-raising bee" method. The hospital includes therapeutic, surgical, and maternity sections, an isolation ward, a sanitation unit, and a clinical laboratory.

At present, there are 65 medical institutions in Pereyaslav-Khmel'nitskiy Rayon. The rayon dispensary for bed patients is united with a well-equipped polyclinic. A 100-bed children's hospital was recently opened in Pereyaslav-Khmel'nitskiy; 50 beds are for somatic cases and 50 are for cases with tuberculosis in the bones and joints. The rayon now has 34 doctors, 26 of whom are situated in the city.

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The main Sanitation Inspection Administration, Ministry of Public Health Uzbek SSR, together with the Tashkent Institute for Specialized Training for Doctors and the Scientific-Research Sanitation Institute conducted a 10-day meeting devoted to the study of purification of reservoirs. Seventeen stage sanitation inspectors and sanitation doctors of Uzbek SSR, Kirgiz SSR, Tadzhik SSR, and Turkmen SSR participated in the meeting.

#### Corneal Grafting

S. Akhundov-Bagirbekova of the Surgical Department, Azerbaydzhan Ophthalmological Scientific Research Institute, completed a successful corneal graft on a workman whose eye was accidentally damaged by a flying metal splinter.

This operation is of interest because very few have been successfully completed. Twenty such successful operations are accredited to the Soviet surgeon, Academician V. P. Filatov.

#### Proceedings of the Ministry of Health USSR

At a recent meeting, the Board of the Ministry heard a report submitted by Ye. K. Isayeva on measures pertaining to painless births. It was revealed that one of the best and most widely used methods in the USSR is nitrous oxide anesthesia. During the period 1936 to 1940, more than 3 million gave successful painless births. The Main Administration for Apothecaries was charged with the duty of guaranteeing sufficient supplies of nitrous oxide for this purpose.

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